Amendments to the Specification:

Applicant presents replacement paragraphs below indicating the changes with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing.

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 12, line 17 of the specification with the amended paragraphs as follows:

- U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[_____]] 09/843,234, entitled "Robust Recognizer of Perceptually Similar Content" filed on April 24, 2001;
- U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[_____]] 09/843,279, entitled "Derivation and Quantization of Robust Non-Local Characteristics for Blind Watermarking" filed on April 24, 2001;
- U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [[_____]] 09/843,254, entitled "Recognizer of Audio-Content in Digital Signals" filed on April 24, 2001; and

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For more information about hashing techniques that may be employed with the exemplary video watermarker, see the following pending U.S. Patent Applications (which are incorporated by reference):

- Serial No. [[____]] 09/843,234, entitled "Robust Recognizer of Perceptually Similar Content" filed on April 24, 2001;
- Serial No. [[____]] <u>09/843,254</u>, entitled "Recognizer of Audio-Content in Digital Signals" filed on April 24, 2001; and
- Serial No. 09/421,986, entitled "System and Method for Hashing Digital Images" filed on October 19, 1999.

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